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A Look at Media Bias

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Gas Prices Double Standard

From the *Media Research Center*...

“The news media think that because gas prices have fallen to an average of \$3.43-a-gallon there is room to rejoice, even as the record streak of gas prices above \$3-a-gallon continues [that record now stands at over 1,350 days]...

ABC’s ‘Good Morning America’ praised the ‘nice surprise’ of lower gas prices on Aug. 26, just in time for Labor Day weekend...[ABC ignored that] **when President Barack Obama took office, gas was at \$1.84-a-gallon...**

High gas prices were one of the ways the networks talked down the strong Bush economy. In 2006, all three networks devoted coverage to the ‘skyrocketing’ gas prices...**In 2005, NBC aired multiple ‘Pain at the Pump’ segments complaining about gas prices above \$2-a-gallon...In fact, the broadcast networks linked Bush to rising oil prices 15 times more than they did Obama in similar time periods.”**

‘Liberal Media’ Protect Obama’s Regulations

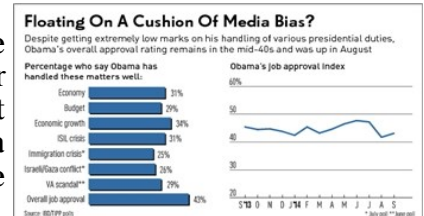
From the *Opelika-Auburn News*...

“[Alabama Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard stated that] Obama and rogue elements within his Environmental Protection Agency are seeking to take away our advantage by using unconstitutional executive orders to implement extreme mandates on Alabama’s coal-based energy production...**The fawning liberal media...that protect Obama claim that his job-killing actions are necessary in order to combat ‘climate change,’** which is a meteorological theory built upon the spongy foundation of snake oil science...”

Pres. Obama is ‘Floating on a Cushion of Media Bias’

From *Investors Business Daily*...

“One big, important reason for Obama’s approval gap is the mainstream media’s seemingly inexhaustible bias in favor of him...After spending eight years relentlessly attacking Bush, journalists have devoted the past six to attacking Obama’s critics. There’s no doubt that, absent his media praetorian guard, Obama’s ratings would be much, much lower, all down the line.”



LA Times Calls ‘Illegal Immigrants’ ‘Informal Workers’

From *NewsBusters*...

“The *Los Angeles Times* has a new term for illegal aliens in the work force: they’re ‘informal workers...’ [The LA Times article, headlined ‘1 in 6 California construction workers labors in shadows, study finds’ states], ‘Informal workers are growing part of California’s economy...In 2011, 143,900 of those [construction] workers labored unofficially...Construction in California is a \$152-billion industry, one in which so-called gray employment has surged 400% since 1972.’”

Networks Ignore Pres. Obama’s Approval at All Time Low

From *NewsBusters* ...

“The evening newscasts for the major broadcast networks came and went on Thursday night [September 4, 2014], and ABC, CBS, and NBC refused to cover a new poll from Gallup that showed President Barack Obama’s approval rating at an all-time low of 38 percent...**On Friday morning, ABC, CBS, and NBC continued their blackout** on the latest Gallup poll numbers showing President Obama’s approval rating at an all-time low...The ‘big three’ networks disinterest in the President’s poll numbers continued despite multiple polls showing his approval rating below 40 percent and the gap between those who approve and disapprove of the job he’s doing at over a dozen points.”